

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT
PORT BYRON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



United Methodist Church Mission: *The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

United Methodist Church Vision: *The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, love boldly, serve joyfully, and lead courageously in local communities and worldwide connections.*

Port Byron 1st UMC Mission: *The mission of the Port Byron First United Methodist Church is to center the congregation with God and Jesus Christ, to develop authentic relationships in a faithful community and communion of grace, and to honor God and all of Their creation.*

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Rev. Krey Leesman & Rev. Becky Butterfield

Sunday, December 7, 2025
Second Sunday of Advent

PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLES

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP-congregational responses in bold**

We gather together in this place:

We who dare to imagine a world renewed;
dream God's dream.

God's peace will soon appear.

And all things will be at rest.
renewed.

Come and worship, all you who dream and wait.

Prophets and dreamers, singers and poets,

We who dare to

We watch with Malachi and John.

The hills and valleys will meet,

We long for a world restored,

The fire of God's justice burns in our hearts.

We have come to wonder and praise

***OPENING PRAYER** God of promises, your vision for peace stretches our imaginations, pushing us beyond platitudes and stirring up the fire of justice in our hearts. Show us our place and our purpose in leveling mountains and raising valleys, in straightening roads and clearing pathways. We pray as people of anticipation, who long for peace with anxious energy as we await the arrival of Christ among us. Amen

*OPENING HYMN: O, God of Every Nation UMC #435

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

HYMN Light The Advent Candle (verses 1&2)
TFWS #2090 (*see insert*)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE As the children come forward, please sing "Jesus Loves Me" First Verse only
UMH#191

SHARING OF JOYS/CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PREPARATORY HYMN: Emmanuel, Emmanuel UMH#204

SCRIPTURE READING:
Malachi 3:1–6 & Matthew 3:1-12

SERMON: Prophetic Peace

HOLY COMMUNION In the United Methodist tradition, we believe in a table open to all because this is the table of Jesus Christ. All who desire to deepen their relationship with Jesus and choose to partake are welcome and received with love. Our bread is gluten-free. If you have an offering today, please place it in the plate as you come forward to receive communion.

*DOXOLOGY

*CLOSING HYMN Let There be Peace on Earth UMH #431

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Please remain seated until after the Postlude. Let this time center you to **Love Boldly, Serve Joyfully, and Lead Courageously** this week*

CHURCH STAFF

Pastor Krey Lessman, Lead Pastor 309-226-3327, revkrey@gmail.com

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Office Hours: Wednesday 8:00am - Noon

Thursday 8:00-10:00am

Musicians: Melissa Battern & Glenda Belouski

IT Team: Chad Butterfield, Colin Larson, Sam Butterfield, Colton Heim, Kam Mahraun, & Nolan Peirce

***Please direct all pastoral questions and concerns to Pastor Becky until further notice. You may also contact Kathy Mahraun or Nikki Stuart**

Attendance at Worship

November 30, 2025 *Cancelled due to weather*

Worship Attendance -

Wired Word –

Loose Plate - \$.00

Tithes & Offerings - \$.00

Total Offering: \$.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to schedule an event at the church, contact Steph at 309-848-4050 or portbyronfirstumc@gmail.com. She will provide you with the building agreement, policies, and forms to book the date on the church calendar.

We're excited to announce our **2026 Summer Youth Service Trip to Detroit, Michigan**, to partner with **Motown Mission** as we serve and learn more about the city and our neighbors who live there. We have 20 youth spots reserved for students in grades 8-12 for the week of July 19-25, 2026. See Pastor Becky for more information! Deposits and paperwork are due by February 1st. Incentives for those who register early!

Upcoming Events:

*If you/your family/your friend would like to be an Advent reader, please let Pastor Becky know!

Sunday, December 7th-Communion Sunday during worship

Sunday, December 7th-P3 2-4:30 pm

Monday, December 8th-Angel Tree gifts due back to the church

Tuesday, December 9th-SPRC Meeting

Wednesday, December 10th-Pastor Becky attends Upper Rock Island County Ministerial Association Lunch Meeting, noon at The Brothers

Thursday, December 11th – United Women in Faith are meeting at the church at 11:30. Bring a snack to share. All women of the church are invited. **Please note the change in date and time**

Sunday, December 14th-Children collect Noisy Offering for Missions after Children's Moment

Wednesday, December 24th-Christmas Eve Celebration Service 7 pm. We will have a time of fellowship following the service.

If the 7 pm time does not work for you, or you prefer a quieter, more reflective Christmas Eve, the Sanctuary will be open and available until 10 pm for anyone to come and sit in the presence of God in that place, surrounded by the lights all aglow.

Steph's Office Hours: Wednesday 8am-12pm, Thursdays 8-10am

MONTHLY DONATIONS BLESSED ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: *Immediate Food Pantry Needs* - The Upper Rock Island County Food Pantry at Messiah Lutheran Church has immediate needs for Cereal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Ketchup, and Ranch Dressing. Long-Term/Ongoing: Side dishes like Rice-a-Roni, Noodle Roni, or Microwavable Rice Packets, Small bottles of cooking oil (Dollar General does sell). *Be sure that your donations are within the "best by/best use" expiration date and that the item has not been opened. The food pantry cannot accept items that are expired.* Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry!

MONTHLY DONATIONS BLESSED ON THE THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH: *Wish List for the Mission Welcome Kits:* The Mission Committee is preparing ongoing Welcome Kits for new residents at Whispering Hills. The following items are needed: shampoo, body soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, dish soap, small laundry detergent, cleaning wipes, small all-purpose cleaner, single-roll paper towels, and a 4-pack of toilet paper. Thank you for your donations and support of this local mission!

Every Wednesday- GROW: a faith community for youth in grades 6-12. Doors open at 6:30 pm, Dinner is at 7:00 pm, and Discipleship Activities 7:30-8:30 pm.

Every Sunday-Discipleship Groups for PreK-12th Grade 9:30 am-10:15 am